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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Oct-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/27/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/20/07
Broiler/fryer	169,718	169,495
Light hens	1,627	1,197
Heavy hens	1,597	1,532

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	246	0	262
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	262	0	262
Same week yr ago	36	3	39
To-date/2007	10,844	36	10,880
To-date/2006	6,415	41	6,456

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,433	1,602	3,035
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,294	1,609	2,903
Same week yr ago	1,104	1,535	2,639
To-date/2007	57,218	61,486	118,704
To-date/2006	52,234	62,457	114,691

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	169,642	1,187	1,602	2,789
Avg Wt	5.65	3.24	8.52	6.27
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,086	1,032	1,609	2,641
Same wk yr ago	165,595	1,068	1,532	2,600
Avg Wt	5.47	3.27	8.16	6.15
To-date/2007	6,794,622	46,374	61,450	107,824
To-date/2006	6,794,261	45,819	62,416	108,235

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.7 million head, or 5.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	38,040	80,484	32,036	19,082	169,642
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.39	6.94	8.17	5.65
% of total /1	22%	47%	19%	12%	100%
Last week	46,637	75,536	27,891	17,022	167,086
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.47	6.94	8.26	5.52
% of total /1	28%	45%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,896	86,979	18,971	18,749	165,595
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.39	6.97	8.16	5.47
% of total /1	25%	53%	11%	11%	100%
To date/2007	1,812,084	3,397,231	1,106,170	479,137	6,794,622
To date/2006	1,935,944	3,364,963	946,939	546,415	6,794,261

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-07  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,190	3,089	28	1	5,308
Avg Wt	16.07	36.82	25.99	22.65	28.20
Head sltr comparisons <sup>82</sup>					
Last week	1,844	2,822	35	11	4,712
Same wk yr ago	2,033	2,730	30	6	4,799
Avg Wt	16.37	36.44	26.47	47.80	27.89
To-date/2007	82,726	110,359	998	216	194,299
To-date/2006	80,961	107,923	1,050	201	190,135

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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